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1. IN CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL A AND IN SUBSEQUENT PNE DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL IN MOSCOW IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, MOROKHOV HAS SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE U.S. TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS MEET WITH SOVIET SPECIALISTS PRIOR TO FOURTH IAEA TECHNICAL MEETING ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES IN VIENNA, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 20-24, 1975. USG HAS CONSIDERED THIS SUGGESTION AND AGREES TO PARTICIPATION IN SUCH MEETING.

2. CONSULTATIONS WOULD INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED BY BOTH SIDES AT IAEA TECHNICAL MEETING. U.S. PROPOSES FOLLOWING TECHNICAL AGENDA WHICH WILL NOT INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF RADIOACTIVITY SAFETY CRITERIA OR POLICY MATTERS SUCH AS THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY :

A. RECENT PROGRAMMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN NATIONAL PNE PROGRAMS.

B. RESULTS OF PNE APPLICATION EXPERIMENTS

C. PNE APPLICATION STUDIES

D. HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PNES, INCLUDING DISTRIBUTION OF RADIOACTIVITY IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

3. REQUEST YOU CONVEY FOREGOING TO MOROKHOV AT MEETING (REFTEL B) TO ASCERTAIN IF USSR STILL DESIRES TECHNICAL MEETING. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT SIZE OF US DELEGATION WOULD BE ABOUT 10 PERSONS AND THREE OR FOUR DAY MEETING IN VIENNA THE WEEK BEFORE THE IAEA MEETING WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR US. HOWEVER, YOU MAY THEN NOTE THAT US IS SOMEWHAT FLEXIBLE, AND IF THE USSR WISHED TO HOST A VISIT TO ONE OR MORE SOVIET PNE SITES, A LONGER MEETING IN THE USSR MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S.

4. FYI. INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 3 ARE INTENDED TO DRAW FROM THE SOVIETS AN INVITATION FOR A PNE SITE VISIT. IF A SITE VISIT IS NOT OFFERED IN A SOVIET COUNTER PROPOSAL, U.S. PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER BILATERAL MEETING, WHETHER IN VIENNA OR IN THE USSR. THE LAST BILATERAL MEETING ON PNES WAS HELD IN THE U.S. IN 1971. IT LASTED TWO WEEKS AND INCLUDED VISITS TO THE NEVADA TEST SITE AND THE PROJECT RULISON SITE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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COLORADO. SOVIETS, IN PARTICIPATING IN THESE VISITS, MADE CLEAR THERE WAS NO COMMITMENT FOR RECIPROCITY. HOWEVER, DURING 1971 BILATERAL MEETING, AND MORE RECENTLY AT THE TIME OF THE JUNE TTB NEGOTIATIONS, SOVIETS MENTIONED INFORMALLY THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET PNE SITE VISIT DURING NEXT BILATERAL MEETING. END FYI.

5. FYI. GUIDANCE BASED ON STATUS OF TTB/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

WILL BE PROVIDED TO DELEGATION MEMBERS TO AVOID POSSIBLE RISKS OF COMPLICATING THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DELEGATION MEMBERS. END FYI, KISSINGER

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